



# NORFOLK

## Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Lori A. Crouch, Public Relations Manager

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COPIES TO: City Clerk, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Council Interests

DATE: January 9, 2015

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. Today's memo features a follow-up item from 2014, as well as the highlights of Slover Library's grand opening!

**New courtrooms:** Staff reached out to the judges regarding the request for the State Seal in the courtrooms. The letter we received from Judge Doyle is attached.

**Slover Library Grand Opening:** It was a packed house inside Slover Library for the grand opening this morning. City officials and staff donned Dr. Seuss inspired scarves for the special event. After brief remarks, the Mayor and Jane Batten officially opened the library with a ceremonial first book check-out. For a list of weekend events, visit [www.sloverlibrary.com](http://www.sloverlibrary.com)



Have a great weekend



FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF VIRGINIA  
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF NORFOLK

JOHN R. DOYLE III  
JUDGE

December 30, 2014

100 ST. PAUL'S BOULEVARD  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23510

David L. Ricks, P.E.  
Director of Public Works  
Norfolk City Hall, Suite 700  
Norfolk, VA 23510

Dear Mr. Ricks:

In regard to your inquiry contained in your letter dated December 23, 2014 and received today; please be advised that there is no legal requirement for the State Seal to be mounted as a plaque on the wall of a courtroom. Currently some of the courtrooms have the State Seal so displayed and some do not.

It is not our expectation that every courtroom in the new courthouse would include State Seals mounted on the walls. I believe the General District Court shares this understanding.

In any event, the State Seal appears on the Virginia State Flag which will be displayed in every courtroom of the new courthouse along with the Flag of the United States of America. Please do ensure that there are proper flag stands for those flags as many of them currently are mounted in holders affixed to the walls.

Very truly yours,

John R. Doyle, III  
Judge

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cc: Ronald H. Williams, Jr., Deputy City Manger  
The Honorable Joan E. Mahoney, Chief Judge General District Court